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FOR MARSHALL WRIGHT FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF: STATE 206278

1. I OWE YOU A PERSONAL AS WELL AS AN INSTITUTIONAL APOLOGY OVER THE MATTER OF CONGRESSMAN MCEWEN'S LETTER FROM IRENE ZIEGLER.

2. COPIES OF LETTERS I AM SENDING DIRECTLY TO MCEWEN AND ZIEGLER ARE BEING POUCHED TO YOU, AND WILL EXPLAIN FURTHER. IN BRIEF, THERE ARE THREE POINTS TO MAKE:

A) SO FAR AS I CAN TELL FROM OUR EFFORTS TO RECONSTRUCT THE INCIDENT, MISS ZIEGLER WAS TREATED INEXCUSABLY AT THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 24 AND WAS QUITE JUSTIFIED IN PROTESTING TO HER CONGRESSMAN. WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO TRY TO PREVENT ANY REPETITION IN THE FUTURE.

B) ALAS, WE HAVE NO SIGN THATHER LETTER TO MCEWEN OR HIS INQUIREY ON HER BEHALF WAS EVER RECEIVED IN NEW DELHI PRIOR TO YOUR CABLE OF OCTOBER 10 ASKING INTO THE MATTER. WHETHER THE SLIP-UP WAS THERE OR HERE I CANNOT KNOW, BUT AM PREPARED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AT THIS END. NOT KNOWING THE LETTER EXISTED, WE DID NOT ANSWER IT UNTIL YOU TOLD US ABOUT IT. THAT'S A ROTTEN WAY TO HANDLE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES -- OR ANY OTHER KIND -- AND YOU HAVE OUR HEARTFELT ASSURANCE THAT WE SHALL TRY NOT TO LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN -- PROVIDED, OF COURSE, THAT THE INQUIRIES REACH US.

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C) ON A SOMEWHAT CHEERIER NOTE, THE SUBJECT OF MISS ZIEGLER'S LETTER, ONE WILLIAM MICHAEL DUNN, SUBSEQUENTLY CAME INTO REPEATED CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY, AND OUR CONSULAR OFFICE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN IDENTIFYING HIM, PROVIDING HIM WITH MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC HELP, COMMUNICATING WITH HIS FAMILY, GETTING HIM THE NECESSARY PAPERS, AND GETTING HIM ON A PLANE HOME. IN FAIRNESS TO OUR CONSUL HERE, I THINK HE SAVED DUNN'S LIFE. I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH HIM, ALTHOUGH OUR CONSULAR STAFF AND THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL AS WELL AS HIS PHYSICAL STATE.

3. I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY MY PERSONAL APOLOGIES TO BOB MCEWEN AND ASSURE HIM THAT A SECOND AND FULLER LETTER IS ON ITS WAY TO HIM, AS WELL AS ANOTHER FROM ME TO MISS ZIEGLER.

4. BEST REGARDS. PAT MOYNIHAN.  
MOYNIHAN

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